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**Amendments to Claims**

This listing claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (cancelled): A Loading device for a pickup truck having a bed with tailgate mounting brackets, the loading device comprising of:

a ramp support frame connecting to the tailgate support brackets;

a two section pivoting telescoping ramp assembly with mounting lugs which attach to the ramp support frame, ramp assembly when extended to provide an inclined surface to the truck bed;

a arm connecting ramp assembly mounting lugs to a pneumatic or hydraulic damper to modulate the rate of pivot of the ramp;

a damper to modulate the rate of pivot.

Claim 2 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 1 wherein the ramp support frame uses the tailgate mounting brackets for attachment.

Claim 3 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 2 wherein the loading ramp consists of two telescoping sections pivotally coupled to the ramp support frame.

Claim 4 (cancelled): A loading device claim 3 wherein the loading ramp may be secured in the closed position.

Claim 5 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 4 wherein the loading ramp may be easily removed from the ramp support frame.

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Claim 6 (cancelled); A loading device of claim 5 wherein the loading ramp pivotal movement is controlled by the use of damping device.

Claim 7 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 6 wherein the entire device may be installed or removed by one person without the use of tools.

Claim 8 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 7 wherein the ramp raises and lowers about a central pivot point located on the ramp support frame.

Claim 9 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 8 wherein the loading ramp and support frame extends the bed of the truck, thus allowing for additional cargo space.

Claim 10 (cancelled): A loading device of claim 9 wherein the loading ramp, support frame and mounting components may be dimensionally adjusted to be utilized with various trucks and related vehicles.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A motorcycle loading device for use with a pickup truck. Said pickup truck consists of a cab, a frame, a bed or box, and a removable tailgate. Said pickup truck bed or box consists of a base, two sides, a front, and an open rear section for the mounting of the removable tailgate. Said mounting of the removable tailgate consists of attachment brackets, and attachment hardware.

The motorcycle loading device consists of:

- a) a ramp support structure connecting to the tailgate attachment brackets;
- b) an adaptor plate and arm connecting the pickup tailgate attachment hardware to the ramp support structure;

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- c) a two segment pivoting telescoping ramp assembly with mounting and pivot hardware which attach to the support structure;
- d) a ramp support structure and ramp assembly, which when extended, provides an inclined planar surface from the ground to the truck bed;
- e) a damper reaction tube connecting the ramp assembly mounting lugs to a gas spring damper which modulates the rate of pivot of the ramp;
- f) a gas spring damper to modulate the rate of pivot.

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~A motorcycle loading device for use with a pickup truck. Said pickup truck consists of a cab, a frame, a bed or box, and a removable tailgate. Said pickup truck bed or box consists of a base, two sides, a front, and an open rear section for the mounting of the removable tailgate. Said mounting of the removable tailgate consists of attachment brackets, and attachment hardware.~~

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- b) an adaptor plate and arm connecting the pickup tailgate attachment hardware to the ramp support structure;
- c) a two segment pivoting telescoping ramp assembly with mounting and pivot hardware which attach to the support structure;
- d) a ramp support structure and ramp assembly, which when extended, provides an inclined planar surface from the ground to the truck bed;

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e) a damper reaction tube connecting the ramp assembly mounting lugs to a gas spring damper which modulates the rate of pivot of the ramp;

f) a gas spring damper to modulate the rate of pivot;

for use with a pickup truck, which consists of a cab, a frame, a bed or box consisting of a base, two sides, a front, and an open rear section, and a removable tailgate, consisting of attachment brackets and attachment hardware.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the ramp support frame uses the tailgate attachment brackets for attachment.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp consists of two telescoping sections pivotally coupled to the ramp support frame.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp and support structure may be easily installed or removed, without the use of tools, from the pickup truck.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp pivotal movement is controlled by the utilization of a gas spring or similar damping device.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A loading device of claim 11 wherein the loading ramp and support frame extends the bed of the truck, thus allowing for additional cargo space.

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**Claim 17 (previously presented):** A loading device of claim 16 wherein the loading ramp, support frame and mounting components may be dimensionally adjusted to be utilized with various pickup trucks.

**Claim 18 (previously presented):** A loading device of claim 17 provides a planar surface along the entire ramp surface when in an extended position.